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25X1C in Dnepropetrovsk

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1. Location:

At the northeastern edge of DNEPROPETROVSK (34°59' E/  
46°27' N), Ukrainian SSR, about 600 feet southeast of a  
wide asphalt road to the NNE, and north of a large railroad  
line.

2. Plant Installations:

Soviets dismantled the plant during the war and destroyed 80  
percent of it. Reconstruction started in early 1946 and the  
first big workshop was completed by April 1947. Lesser da-  
mage to other workshops was also repaired and machines in-  
stalled. In March 1948 the first blast furnace was blown in.  
All preparations to blow in the second blast furnace were com-  
pleted a month later. The operation of the third blast fur-  
nace was scheduled for the Fall of 1948.

a. The reconstructed workshops were modernized and some of  
them enlarged. The construction of new workshops was plan-  
ned. At the time of observation, the plant covered an area of  
about 6,000x4,500 feet, 70 percent of which was still being  
reconstructed. With many storage dumps for construction ma-  
terials, coal, iron ore, and scrap over all the area, the  
plant gave an impression of being disorganized.

b. The projected enlargements and the one under construction  
might considerably alter the plant layout within a few years.

c. A power plant and railroad connections were available. For  
plant layout see annex.

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Legend to Annex

1. Mechanical workshop, red brick building, 450x100x60 feet, the lathe shop for gun barrels is separated.
2. Forge, red brick building, 360x90x45 feet, covered by a slightly arched roof, equipped with two big furnaces and two 90 foot high brick smokestacks.
3. Blast furnace department, 600x100x110 feet with six blast furnaces. One of these furnaces has been in operation since early 1948, the second was scheduled for production in May and the third for the Fall of 1948. The second was to be blown in during May 1948 and the third in the Fall of 1948. The others were still being worked on.
4. Pressing shop, 450x100x60 feet with three annealing furnaces. Manufacture of rail car axles and presumably rails. Two smokestacks, about 110 feet high were at the south-eastern part of this building.
5. Workshop for the manufacturing of tubes, Mannesmann type, 750x90x60 feet. The installations came from the Soviet zone of Germany. Production was resumed in 1948.
6. Power plant, attached to the tube plant, fueled with coal dust. The coal grinding installation and coal dumps were located at the side of the power plant. No details available on the capacity.
7. Magazines, one of which was under construction.
8. New plant freight yard, completed in 1947.
9. Administration and technical offices.
10. Damaged workshop, to be reconstructed.
11. Workshops under construction.
12. PW Camp No 3515/1-0.
13. Machine park.
14. Scrap dump.
15. Pig iron dump.
16. Coal dump.
17. Piled construction materials and salvage dump.
18. Surveyed area, details unknown.

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3. Work Force

About 1,500 Soviets, permanently employed at the plant and an additional 3,800 German and 280 Japanese PWs. The work force was constantly increasing.

4. Production:

Rails, gun barrels, axles for railroad cars, Mannesmann tubes and heavy machine parts.

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Comment:

a. The Karl LIEBKNECHT Plant existed before the war. It is entered on Military Geographical town plan of DNEPROPETROVSK, issue November 1941, by item No 7.

b. The location data of this report are correct. The plant is located in an angle formed by the highway to NOVOMOSKOVSK and the railroad line to Kharkov.

c. The plant layout is reported for the first time and cannot be rated as to correctness.

1 Annex: Karl LIEBKNECHT Steel Plant and Rolling Mill in DNEPROPETROVSK.

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